

**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A"**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Special Conference Committee "A" convened on April 11, 2008 at 10:41 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Pace moved to approve the minutes of the Special Conference Committee "A" meeting held on January 4, 2008. The motion was seconded and passed.

**FIRST CONFERENCE:**

**PRESIDING:** Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Director  
Gail Ross, Adjudication Specialist

**QUORUM:** Both members of the Committee were present.

**Charles M. Gooss, D.D.S.  
Case No.: 106724** Charles M. Gooss, D.D.S. appeared to discuss an allegation that he may have violated laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry, in that, during an examination he used an unsanitary mirror/explorer that had been used on a previous patient.

The committee discussed the allegation in the case with Dr. Gooss.

**Closed Meeting:** Ms. Pace moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia to deliberate for the purpose of reaching a decision in the matter of Dr. Gooss, D.D.S. Additionally, Ms Pace moved that Board staff, Alan Heaberlin and Administrative Proceedings Division staff, Gail Ross, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Reconvene:** Ms. Pace moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting and only matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee. The motion

was seconded and passed.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:**

Ms. Ross read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Sanctions imposed as adopted by the Committee as follows:

1. Dr. Gooss currently holds a Virginia dental license.
2. Dr. Gooss violated § 54.1-2706(5) of the Code, in that, on or about January 5, 2006, during a prophylactic examination of Patient A, he used an unsanitary mirror/explorer, which had been used on a previous patient.
3. Dr. Gooss's violation was mitigated by a miscommunication in the office which led Dr. Gooss to believe that the instruments used on the previous patient would be cleaned up and new instruments would be set out for the next patient by the dental assistant.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Ross were that Dr. Gooss shall be required to complete four hours of continuing education in risk management.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Meera A. Gokli, DDS, Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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